GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:675
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2007
UTILISATION OF MPLAD FUNDS
Deshmukh Shri Subhash Sureshchandra

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) Scheme have been fully utilized during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated and the percentage of funds utilized under the said scheme during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the reasons for delay in implementing the schemes sanctioned by the Government have been identified;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the implementation of the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): The requisite information is placed in Annexure.

(c), (d) & (e): Considering that funds allocated under the MPLAD Scheme are non-lapsable, (i.e. the funds allocated in a particular year can be utilized in subsequent years also), the performance of the MPLAD Scheme is commendable; the cumulative percentage utilization of funds over release is as high as 89.31% as on 31.10.2007, which shows that there are no major delays in implementing the scheme. The performance of the scheme is reviewed with States/UTs regularly at the level of the Minister and senior officials.